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- 1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT DURING WEEK OF DECEMBER 6
  TWO RANKING COMMERCE OFFICIALS, NEWLY APPOINTED TECHNICAL SECRETARY
  GENERAL GREGORIO GUTIERREZ AND DIRECTOR GENERAL
  FOR EXTERIOR TRANSACTIONS FELIX VARELA, WILL BE IN THE
  U.S. THEY WILL TRAVEL TO NEW YORK, CHICAGO AND POSSIBLY
  ONE OR TWO OTHER CITIES. NEITHER WILL COME TO WASHINGTON
  OR MEET WITH US OFFICIALS.
- 2. THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS TO EXPLAIN SPANISH INVESTMENT LAWS, SURVEY TRADE OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE US AND MEET WITH AMERICAN BANKERS. A FULL PROGRAM HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE SPANISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. GUTIERREZ TOLD US THAT, SINCE MINISTER OF COMMERCE LLADO HAS POSTPONED HIS U.S. VISIT, HE WILL BE TRAVELING AS THE MINISTER'S "PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE."
- 3. ACCORDING TO GUTIERREZ, MINISTER LLADO MAY IN FACT WISH TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE U.S. IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY. STABLER

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